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OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

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ACTS OF THE INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SO FAR AS THEY CONTROL SAID CITY

TO WHICH IS PREFIXED

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FROM 1832 TO 1904

AND RULES GOVERNING THE COMMON COUNCIL

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AN ORDINANCE regulating the use and enjoyment of parks, park grounds and parkways of the City of Indianapolis, providing penalties for the violation of the same, repealing all conflicting ordinances, providing for the publication thereof, and fixing the time when the same shall take effect.

[Approved June 30, 1896.]

1968. When Open for Public—Entrance. 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana,* That the parks shall be open to the public from 5:00 a. m. until 11:00 p. m., and no person other than employes shall be permitted to remain therein, except when open as herein specified, and no person at any time shall enter or leave any park except by the established entrances, walks or drives.

1969. Writing on Park Buildings, etc. 2. No person shall write, cut, mutilate or deface in any manner any building, fence, bench, masonry, statue, ornament, or tree in any public park.

1970. Injury to Flowers or Trees. 3. No person shall pull, pluck, break or touch any flowers or fruit, whether wild or cultivated; cut down, girdle or break down any sapling, tree, shrub or plant; break or bend limbs or branches of trees or bark trees; or bend, pluck, handle or injure any trees, flowers, shrubs or plants whatever, or limbs, twigs or leaves thereof, or climb any tree in any public park.

1971. Discharging Fire-Arms. 4. No person shall discharge any fire-arm, or have possession of any fire-arm within the limits of any public park.

1972. Use of Profane or Abusive Language. 5. No person shall use profane, obscene, threatening or abusive language, or fight or throw any stone or missile, or behave in a disorderly or improper manner, or commit any offense against decency or good morals in any public park.

1973. Starting Fire in Park—Molesting Animals. 6. No person not an employe shall make a fire for any purpose within the bounds of any park; and no person shall chase, catch, injure, molest or disturb any animal, bird or fish kept within any public park for the use, instruction or entertainment of the public, nor shall any person give or offer to give any such animal tobacco or other noxious article.

1974. Animals or Fowls Trespassing on Parks. 7. No person being the owner or having control of the same shall suffer or permit any chickens, ducks, geese, hogs, cattle, horses, sheep, or goats, or other animals or fowls to stray into, run at large or trespass upon any public park land.

1975. Fastening Horse to Tree. 8. No person shall fasten a horse to a tree, or bush, or building, or leave the same unattended, or be permitted to bring or lead horses within the limits of any public park, or a horse that is not harnessed and attached to a vehicle or mounted by a rider.

1976. Wagons in Forbidden—Standing on Driveways. 9. All vehicles other than pleasure carriages, as distinguished from wagons, carts and drays, are prohibited within any public park, except when employed in the business of said parks; and no vehicle or horse shall be permitted to stand upon the drives or any part thereof to the obstruction of the way.

1977. Bicyclers. 10. Bicyclers and tricyclers shall be strictly confined to the roadways of the public parks, and be controlled by the same rules which govern horsed vehicles and equestrians, and must keep and pass to the right when meeting the same. When passing a carriage or equestrian from the rear to the front it must be done on the left side, and at a speed not to exceed four miles per hour. Bicyclers and tricyclers must not travel more than two abreast, nor without displaying a light in front if it be one-half hour after sunset, and carrying regular bicycle or tricycle bells at all times.

1978. Carriages Passing Each Other. 11. When carriages, equestrians or cyclers meet, the shall respectively keep to the right.

1979. Riding or Driving on Grass. 12. No person shall ride or drive upon the grass, footways or elsewhere than on the roads for the use of carriages, equestrians and cyclers.

1980. Speed for Driving. 13. No person shall ride or drive a horse or cycle faster than at the rate of six miles an hour.

1981. Picnics—Permits—Cleaning Up Debris. 14. No picnic shall take place in any public park without a written permit of the Superintendent, in which shall be designated the place where it is to be held. Picnics permitted for Sunday and secular schools must always be accompanied by their respective teachers and masters, who will be held personally responsible for all infringements by the scholars of these rules and regulations. No person shall intrude him or herself upon a picnic without consent of those in charge of it, nor disturb any picnic within said parks. Parties holding picnics in the said parks must clean up the ground that has been occupied by them, on quitting it, and remove all paper and litter.

1982. Sleeping in Parks—Begging—Games. 15. No person shall be allowed to sleep on the benches or grass of any public park, nor to beg, to tell fortunes, to play at any game of chance, or with any instrument of gaming therein, and gambling in any form and playing cards is prohibited in the public parks.

1983. Use of Liquors Prohibited. 16. No person shall introduce spirituous, malt or fermented liquors into any public park, either for his own use or for sale, nor use, sell or give away the same.

1984. Dogs. 17. No person shall bring a dog into any public park.

1985. Parades—Drills—Meetings. 18. No military, civic or other company shall be permitted to parade, drill or perform within any park any military evolutions or movements without the consent of the Park Commissioners, and no public meetings or public discussions of any subject, religious, social, political, or of any other kind, shall be held within the limits of any park without the consent of the Park Commissioners.

1986. Funeral Procession. 19. No funeral procession, or hearse, nor any vehicle carrying the body of a deceased person, shall be allowed within any park.

1987. Bringing Trees Into Park—Advertisement. 20. No person other than employes shall bring upon any park any tree, shrub or plant, nor any newly plucked branch or portion of tree, shrub or plant; and no person shall paint, post or otherwise affix any bill, notice, sign, or other paper or sign upon any structure or thing within the parks nor upon any of the gates in the enclosures thereof.

1988. Walking on Grass. 21. No person shall go upon the grass, lawn or turf of any parks where the sign inscribed "Keep Off the Grass" has been posted by the Superintendent.

1989. Watermelons. 22. All persons are forbidden to carry watermelons into any park.

1990. Bathing—Fishing—Disturbing Animals. 23. No person shall bathe, wash or fish in, or go or send or ride any animal into any waters of any park, nor feed or disturb any of the fish, water fowls or other birds or animals preserved therein; or throw stones or rubbish of any kind into any lake, pond, stream or fountain, or any roadway of any public park.

1991. Playgrounds. 24. Portions of the parks may be set aside by the Superintendent for ball, croquet, golf or other games, and where any such portion of any park is set apart for any games, as aforesaid, no game of baseball shall take place without the written consent of the Superintendent, and no person shall practice ball or intrude himself upon the players on the space so set apart while a game is in progress. (As amended June 24, 1904.)

1992. Hammocks. 25. Hammocks, except for the use of babies, shall not be permitted within the parks. In such cases permission must be obtained from the Custodian, who will designate the trees to which the hammock may be attached.

1993. Removal of Benches. 26. No benches or seats shall at any time be removed or changed from their place in the said parks without permit shall be obtained from the Superintendent.

1994. Swings. 27. No person shall attach a swing to any tree within any public park without the consent of the Superintendent.

1995. Sales Within Park. 28. No person shall sell or offer for sale any article whatever within any public park without first having obtained written consent of the Board of Park Commissioners.

1996. Intoxication. 29. No intoxicated person shall be permitted in any public park.

1997. Entering Water Closet of Opposite Sex. 30. No person of opposite sex shall enter any water closet set apart for ladies, nor use in any improper way any water closet.

1998. Penalty. 31. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than five (\$5.00) dollars, nor more than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars

1999. Officers Given Police Powers. 32. Officers or employes of the various parks are in power [empowered] to enforce the rules and regulations as herein set forth, and summary [summarily] to arrest and judge violators thereof.

2000. Repeals. 33. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

2001. Publication. 34. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication one day each week for two consecutive weeks in the Sun, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Indianapolis.

PAWN-BROKERS.

AN ORDINANCE to license and regulate pawn-brokers; defining and declaring who shall be deemed pawn-brokers; fixing the license fee therefor; providing for the keeping of lists and descriptions of articles pledged or deposited with pawn-brokers; for the inspection of such lists and articles; the registering of the names and residences of depositors, and prescribing penalties; also providing for the publication of said ordinance and the time when the same shall take effect.

[Approved November 27, 1893.]

2002. License—Definition—Fee. 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis,* That it shall be unlawful for any person to engage in or continue in the business of a pawn-broker in said city, unless such person shall have first paid the license fee to the City Treasurer and procured the license as a pawn-broker as in this ordinance prescribed. Every person whose business it is to take or receive by way of pledge, pawn, or exchange, any goods, wares or merchandise, or any kind of personal property whatsoever, as a security for the repayment of money lent thereon, or who purchases personal property or choses in action, on the condition of selling the same back again at a stipulated price, is hereby defined and declared a pawn-broker, and shall pay to the City Treasurer an annual fee of one hundred dollars.

1. See also Second-Hand Dealers.

2003. Issuing License—Date. 2. It shall be the duty of the City Comptroller, upon the presentation of the treasury certificate showing the payment of said fee into the city treasury, to issue to the person entitled thereto the license applied for. Such license shall